

REMARKS

Claims 1-16 are pending in the above-identified application. Claims 1-16 were rejected. With this Amendment, claims 1 and 9 were amended. Accordingly, claims 1-16 remain at issue.

I. 35 U.S.C. § 103 Obviousness Rejection of Claims

Claims 1-3, 5, 6, 8, 9-11, 13, 14 and 16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being purportedly unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,977,886 ("Barile et al.") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,768,539 ("Metz et al"). Claims 4 and 12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being purportedly unpatentable over Barile in view of Metz and in further view of U.S. Patent No. 6,133,916 ("Bukzar et al"). Claims 7 and 15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being purportedly unpatentable over Barile in view of Metz and in further view of U.S. Patent No. 5,901,246 ("Hoffberg et al"). Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections.

Regarding independent claim 1 as amended, Applicant claims a method for downloading a file to a personal digital assistant ("PDA") that recites the following limitations:

*"determining a subset of functions associated with said file from a set of functions associated with an application corresponding to said file; and
dynamically downloading said file and only said subset of functions to said PDA."*

Independent claim 9 has similar limitations.

Applicant teaches that to save memory on a PDA only the subset functions associated with a file (e.g., functions referenced in formulas of a spreadsheet file) are downloaded to the PDA from a computer system so that the corresponding application (e.g., a spreadsheet application) residing on the PDA has access to the subset of functions needed to process the file.

See Application, at pg. 10, lines 9-22; pg. 14, lines 6-18; pg. 14, line 20 - pg. 15, line 12; pg. 15, line 14 - pg. 16, line 19; pg. 16, line 21 - pg. 17 line 20; pg. 18 lines 2-21; Figures 4, 5, 6, and 8.

This is clearly unlike Barile, which fails to disclose or even suggest a method for determining a subset of functions associated with a file from a set of functions associated with an application corresponding to the file, and dynamically downloading said file and only said subset of functions to a PDA as recited in claim 1, for example. Barile discloses a system that has a user input device (i.e., wireless keyboard 10) for communicating a user input to an application resident on a data processing system (i.e., PDA 20) based on a selected keycode set for the application so that power consumption by the user input device (but not PDA memory) can be conserved. (Barile, Col. 5:13-17; Col. 5:34 - Col. 6:37; Col. 6:61 - Col. 7:46; Figs. 1-4) Barile teaches that a keycode is a binary value mapped to key of the keyboard or user input device. (Barile, Col. 1:15-23) Thus, a keycode is not equivalent to a function, such as a spreadsheet function, associated with a file that is processed by an application resident on the PDA.

The Examiner argues that the following Barile passage covers the recited claim 1 limitations: “A keycode set is identified at the data processing system [i.e., at PDA 20], and a message identifying the keycode set is communicated from the [PDA 20] to the user input device. In response to a keystroke, a keycode from [the identified] keycode set of the plurality of keycode sets stored at the user input device ... is communicated.” (*See* Barile, Col. 3:2-9.) But this teaching is not equivalent to the claim 1 limitations of “determining a subset of functions associated with a file” and “dynamically downloading ...only said subset of functions to said PDA” for at least the following reasons:

(1) The selected keycode set is associated with an application and is not a subset of functions associated with a file corresponding to the application;

(2) The selected keycode set remains stored at the user input device and is not downloaded to the PDA;

(3) A keycode is communicated to the PDA based on a corresponding keystroke and not based on an association with a file corresponding to the application; and

(4) Communicating a single keycode is not the same as downloading a “subset of functions.”

Therefore, Barile, alone or in combination with any of the other cited references, does not teach each and every element of claim 1. Accordingly, Applicant asserts that independent claims 1 and 9 are allowable and respectfully requests that the rejections to these claims be withdrawn.

Claims 2-8 depend from claim 1 and, therefore, should be deemed allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 1. Claims 10-16 depend from claim 9 and, therefore, should be deemed allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 9.

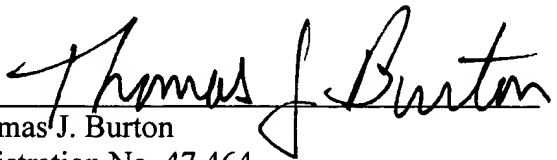
II. Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that all claims are allowable over the cited prior art, and respectfully requests early and favorable notification to that effect.

Respectfully submitted,

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